

Title 19—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

**Division 30—Division of Regulation and Licensure
Chapter 85—Intermediate Care and Skilled Nursing Facility**

**IN ADDITION
NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF RULE**

19 CSR 30-85.022 Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness Standards for New and Existing Intermediate Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities

ACTION TAKEN: NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF 19 CSR 30-85.022

19 CSR 30-85.022 shall be waived in the following manner:

19 CSR 30-85.022(8) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require fire extinguishers be maintained in new and existing intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities. This waiver allows the required maintenance of fire extinguishers by an outside vendor to be delayed. Facilities have until two (2) months after the state of emergency has concluded to be current with the required maintenance of fire extinguishers.

19 CSR 30-85.022(9) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require the range hood extinguishing system to be tested and maintained and the range hood to be certified at least twice annually in new and existing intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities. This waiver allows the required maintenance and certification by an outside vendor to be delayed. Facilities have until two (2) months after the state of emergency has concluded to be current with the required maintenance and certification of range hood extinguishing systems.

19 CSR 30-85.022(10)(C) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require inspections and written certifications of the complete fire alarm system to be completed by an approved qualified service representative, at least annually, in new and existing intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities. This waiver allows the required inspections and certifications to be delayed. Facilities have until two (2) months after the end of the state of emergency to be current on the required inspections and written certifications for complete fire alarm systems.

19 CSR 30-85.022(11)(A) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require inspections and written certifications of the sprinkler system to be completed by an approved qualified service representative, at least annually, in new and existing intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities. This waiver allows the required inspections and certifications to be delayed. Facilities have until two (2) months after the end of the state of emergency to be current on the required inspections and certifications of the sprinkler system.

19 CSR 30-85.022(33)(D) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require new and existing intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities to conduct unannounced fire drills and a simulated resident evacuation that involves the local fire department or emergency service at least once a year. This waiver allows all fire drills during the state of emergency to be announced. This waiver also allows facilities to delay the simulated resident evacuation. Facilities have until two (2) months after the end of the state emergency to be current on the

simulated resident evacuation.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 20-04 dated March 18, 2020, the provisions referenced in this notice are suspended effective April 15, 2020 until May 15, 2020.